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SUBJECT: KNESSET SESSION SEPTEMBER 17 ON POSSIBLE NEGOTIATIONS  
WITH SYRIA

REF: TEL AVIV 5891

1. KNESSET SESSION SEPTEMBER 17, CALLED BY OPPOSITION LIKUD  
TO DEBATE POSSIBILITY OF UNDERTAKING NEGOTIATIONS WITH SYRIA,  
LASTED THIRY MINUES AND ENDED WITH PARTY -LINE VOTE IN SUPPORT  
OF GOVERNMENT MOTION TO WITHDRAW SUBJECT FROM AENY I#9

2. SPEAKING FOR GOVERNMENT, FONMIN ALLON SAID THAT SPECIAL  
KNESSET SESSION RE FAHMY STATEMENT WAS MISTAKE AND THAT THERE  
WAS DANGER OF TURNING SPECIAL SESSIONS INTO REGULAR AFFAIRS  
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ECHTIME AN ARAB LEADER MADE A PUBLIC STATEMENT WHICH MIGHT

NOT BE PLEASING TO ISRAEL. ALLON THEN POINTED TO ASAD'S COMMENT TO NEWSWEEK THAT SYRIA HAS NOT AGREED WITH ANYONE RE ANY NEGOTIATIONS DEALING WITH GOLAN. ISRAEL HAS NOT DECIDED TO NEGOTIATE INTERIM AGREEMENT WITH SYRIA, HE SAID, NOR HAS IT DECIDED NOT TO DO SO. THERE IS NO BASIS TO CLAIM THAT ISRAEL PROMISED U.S. TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS FOR INTERIM AGREEMENT WITH SYRIA OR ANY OTHER ARAB COUNTRY.

3. AT SAME TIME, ALLON SAID, IT WAS WELL ESTABLISHED ISRAELI POLICY THAT IT WAS READY TO NEGOTIATE WITH ANY COUNTRY, INCLUDING SYRIA, FOR AN OVERALL PEACE AGREEMENT. ISRAEL WILL NOT LOSE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR SUCH AGREEMENT PROVIDED IT SERVES INTEREST OF BOTH SIDES. ISRAEL IS STILL WORKING IN GENEVA ON MILITARY PROTOCOL RE INTERIM AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT. THERE IS NO REASON AT THIS TIME TO RAISE PUBLIC ANXIETIES OVER NEGOTIATIONS WITH SYRIA WHEN NO DECISION HAS YET BEEN TAKEN. HE EXPRESSED HIS SORROW AND SHOCK AT THE MISLEADING STATEMENTS OF THE OPPOSITION, AND ASKED KNESSET TO WITHDRAW THE ITEM FROM AGENDA.

4. OPPOSITION PRESENTATION WAS MADE BY GIDEON PATT (LIKUD-LIBERAL). PATT CALLED ATTENTION TO RECENT FAHMY STATEMENT THAT IN OCTOBER THERE WILL BE SYRIAN-ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS FOR SUBSTANTIAL WITHDRAWAL ON THE GOLAN. AFTER REHEARSING STANDARD LIKUD LINE ON INTERIM AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT, PATT CHALLENGED THE GOVERNMENT TO STATE CLEARLY WHETHER OR NOT IT HAD MADE COMMITMENTS-WRITTEN OR VERBAL TO THE U.S. REGARDING SYRIA. HE ASKED THE GOVERNMENT FOR CONFIRMATION

THAT THERE WAS NO LINKAGE BETWEEN EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT AND SYRIAN NEGOTIATIONS, THAT THE AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT WOULD STAND ON ITS OWN, AND THAT EGYPT WOULD NOT ENTER INTO HOSTILITIES IF THERE WERE A RESUMPTION OF FIGHTING IN THE NORTH.

5. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENT ACCORDING TO PRESS, AT CABINET MEETING SEPTEMBER 16 PRIME MINISTER RABIN SAID THAT THERE WERE NO COMMITMENTS REGARDING NEGOTIATIONS WITH SYRIA ON AN INTERIM AGREEMENT OR ON THE TIMING OF ANY FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS. HE AFFIRMED AS WELL THAT NO STEP WILL BE TAKEN WITH SYRIA WITHOUT PRIOR AGREEMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT. HE URGED THE GOVERNMENT NOT TO RELY ON PRESS REPORTS OF STATEMENTS MADE

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